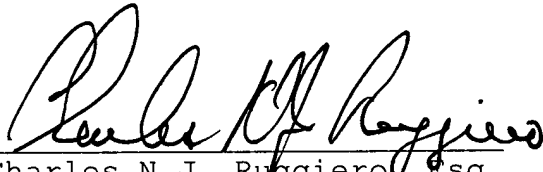


REMARKS

Claims 1 through 74 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 17, 33 and 49 have been amended by this preliminary amendment to better define the present invention.

It is submitted that pending claims 1 through 74 are allowable. It is respectfully urged that this application be passed to allowance.

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DETAILED AMENDMENTS

The claims are amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A fluid delivery system comprising:

a first reservoir having a first volume;

a second reservoir having a second volume and connected to said first reservoir;

a pump device operatively connected to said first reservoir and said second reservoir;

a heating device in thermal communication with said first reservoir and in substantial thermal isolation from said second reservoir; and

a delivery device connected to said first reservoir,

wherein said heating device heats a fluid in said first reservoir and said pump device selectively causes said fluid to flow from said second reservoir to said first reservoir, and then from said first reservoir to said delivery device and from said delivery device to the atmosphere, and wherein said heating device and said pump device operate independently from each other.

17. (Amended) A fluid delivery system comprising:

a first reservoir having a first volume;

a second reservoir having a second volume and connected to said first reservoir;

a pump device operatively connected to said first reservoir and said second reservoir;

a heating device in thermal communication with said first reservoir and in substantial thermal isolation from said second reservoir; and

a delivery device connected to said first reservoir;

wherein said heating device heats a fluid in said first reservoir and said pump device selectively causes said fluid to flow from said second reservoir to said first reservoir, from said first reservoir to said delivery device and from said delivery device to the atmosphere[;], wherein said heating device and said pump device operate independently from each other, and wherein said second reservoir is removable from said fluid delivery system.

33. (Amended) A fluid delivery system comprising:

a first reservoir having a first volume;

a second reservoir having a second volume and connected to

said first reservoir;

a pump device operatively connected to said first reservoir and said second reservoir; and

a heating device in thermal communication with said first reservoir and in substantial thermal isolation from said second reservoir,

wherein said heating device heats a fluid in said first reservoir and said pump device selectively causes said fluid to flow from said second reservoir to said first reservoir and from said first reservoir to the atmosphere[;], wherein said heating device and said pump device operate independently from each other, and wherein said first reservoir comprises a heat sink.

49. (Amended) A fluid delivery system comprising:

a first reservoir having a first volume;

a second reservoir having a second volume and connected to said first reservoir;

a pump operatively connected to said first reservoir and said second reservoir;

a heating device in thermal communication with said first reservoir and in substantial thermal isolation from said second reservoir; and

a housing surrounding said first reservoir and said heating device, and forming a substantially water tight seal around said first reservoir and said heating device,

wherein said heating device heats a fluid in said first reservoir and said pump selectively causes [a] said fluid to flow from said second reservoir to said first reservoir and from said first reservoir, and wherein said heating device and said pump device operate independently from each other.